

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH MEETING**  
**HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2024**  
**AT CHURCH EATON VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors, Mrs S. Dodd, Messrs, Bailey, J. Gibbs, A. Brown, A. Lloyd (Vice Chairman), D. Massie, five members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs D. Key.

**APOLOGIES:** These were received from the Parish Council Chairman Councillor S.Moore, Stafford Borough Councillors Ms E.Carter and Mr J.Rose and Staffordshire County Councillor, Mr Mark Winnington.

The Vice Chairman Councillor A. Lloyd opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present. He also provided an overview of the agenda and when the public were welcome to participate.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the previous meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were proposed for approval by Councillor J.Gibbs, and seconded by the Councillor S.Dodd. All were in favour.

**MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.

**LATE ITEMS AGREED BY THE CHAIR:** There were no late items.

**OPEN FORUM:** A group of parishioners from Apeton were in attendance to raise their continuing concerns over the ongoing use of Apeton Manor Farm as a care home. The Vice Chairman gave a comprehensive update on both his recent visit to Apeton Manor Farm and his telephone conversation with Lisa Williams from Komplex Care who was not keen to come to meet residents but was happy for Councillor Lloyd to send any questions to her. Lisa also confirmed that it was a private residence sublet to an individual. Komplex Care were looking to get a sign with the name of the property displayed on it to reduce deliveries and visitors going to the wrong address.

The local residents were not satisfied that their query over whether the home required planning permission had been properly answered. It was felt that more clarity and information was required from Borough Councillor Jack Rose. The Vice Chairman was to raise this matter with Jack again.

The poor road surface between Church Eaton and Haughton was also raised. The Clerk stated that a temporary road closure order for this road had recently been published by the County Council, presumably to carry out some repairs and maintenance.

**COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME (CSW):** It was reported that the CSW co-ordinators, Mr and Mrs Byford were pleased that the new CSW signs had been installed at various entry points to the village.

**C.E.V PLAYGROUND:** The Vice Chairman reported that the grass has been cut to a good standard and that there had been no litter problems. The new trees were looking well. There had been no progress to date with the proposed removal and replacement of fencing and posts but work on this was to start shortly.

### **PLANNING:**

Several new planning applications had been received which included:

- 2 Brookside Cottage (24/39054/HOU) single storey side/rear extension.
- Cherry Tree Cottage (24/39206/HOU) replacement front windows.
- Wheaton Aston Farm (24/39131/FUL & 24/39144/FUL) retrospective planning applications for the replacement of three like for like agricultural buildings and six feed silos and staff facilities).

There were no objections made to these applications.

**AIRFIELD MARKER:** Wheaton Aston Parish Council had been back in touch concerning the location of the proposed airfield marker to be supplied by the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust. Following consultation with Borough Planning and County Highways, it has now been agreed to position the marker on the triangle at Little Onn, Marston.

Councillor A.Brown expressed concerns over the responsibility for future maintenance and potential repair issues for the marker. It was generally agreed to flag up these concerns with Wheaton PC but continue with the project.

**HIGHWAYS:** The Clerk had received notification from the County Council of a temporary road closure for work to take place on Common Road during August.

There had been some works carried out on Barton Lane to Bradley Road. These were temporary until more major improvements could be made.

The road down to Apeton Ford was still closed for the time being but repairs would be undertaken when the water level in the ford had dropped sufficiently.

### **FINANCE:**

The following invoices were proposed for payment by Councillor Dodd, seconded by Councillor Gibbs. All were in favour.

- JWH Playground Grass Cutting for May and June £220
- Helen Bellamy Internal Audit Fee £60

The Clerk was to pay the Zurich insurance premium renewal when it arrived in August as payment was required before the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The Clerk was to chase up the hire fee invoices from the Village Institute.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** All recent general correspondence had been forwarded to members of the Council. The Clerk had received a poster to display on behalf of the Royal British Legion which the Vice Chairman was to display on the notice board.

The Clerk was given the go ahead to organise the annual hanging baskets and tubs competition.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** There would be no meeting in August unless an emergency arose which required the Parish Council to meet. The next meeting therefore would be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Institute.. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.